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SUBJECT: ELECTION OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL

- 1. SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, W.T. JAYASINGHE, CALLED IN AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 29 REGARDING UP-COMING ELECTION OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL. JAYASINGHE TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SRI LANKA'S UN MISSION HAS INFORMED PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE THAT SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S BID FOR RE-ELECTION IS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE AND HIS RE-ELECTION IS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN.
- 2. IN THE EVENT WALDHEIM CANNOT BE RE-ELECTED, JAYASINGHE SAID SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT (GSL) WOULD APPRECIATE U.S. SUPPORT FOR AMERIASINGHE'S CANDIDACY FOR SECRETARY GENERAL'S POSITION SUBJECT TO THREE CONDITIONS: (1) WALDHEIM IS DEFINITELY OUT; (2) THERE IS NO AGREEABLE ALTERNATE CONFIDENTIAL

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CANDIDATE, AND (3) AMERASINGHE IS A UNANIMOUS CHOICE.

3. AMBASSADOR INFORMED JAYASINGHE THAT GSL'S REQUEST WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION. REED UNQTE	
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